

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 40

December 8, 2005

SUBJECT: FIREARMS USED FOR TRAINING - COLOR-CODING - REVISED

PURPOSE: Department personnel participating in the Urban Police Rifle (UPR) schools are currently issued UPRs with military-style, olive drab (green) colored slings. The use of a green sling on a firearm capable of firing live ammunition is in direct conflict with Department procedures that designate green color-coding for identifying less-lethal weapons. This Order revises Manual Section 3/610.97 to omit the **sling** as a portion of the firearm that requires color-coding. In addition, a firearm that has been disabled and unable to fire any type of ammunition shall be color-coded orange or red.

PROCEDURE: The sling of a firearm used for training will not be required to be color-coded. Firearms that have been disabled and unable to fire any type of ammunition shall be color-coded orange or red.

Firearms shall only be color-coded by the Firearms Training Unit, Training Division. Color-coding shall be applied to the stock (grip) of the firearm or as needed to the slide handle of a shotgun, the hand guard of a rifle, or other portions of the firearm such as the barrel. Color-coding shall be applied as follows:

Yellow: A modified firearm capable of firing only blank rounds.

Blue: A modified firearm capable of firing only paintball or paint-type rounds.

Orange/Red: A firearm disabled and unable to fire any type of ammunition.

Green: Less-lethal weapons such as the beanbag shotgun.

No color-code: Firearms capable of firing live ammunition.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Section 3/610.97 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Training Division, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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